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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMIN DEMONSTRATION IN NAIROBI

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1. RARE GOK ORCHESTRATED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION TOOK
PLACE IN NAIROB FEB 19 PROTESTING UGANDAN PRESIDENT
AMIN'S RECENT CLAIM TO LARGE AREA OF
ZSTERN KENYA.
SEVERAL THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS, MANY OF THEM CARRYING
PLACARDS DEPICTING AMIN AS "MASS MURDERER" AND "MADMAN"
AND CARRYING FRESHLY PRINTED OVERSIZED MAPS OF KENYA
MARCHED THROUGH NAIROBI BUSINESS DISTRICT EN ROUTE TO
PUBLIC PARK WHERE SERIES OF TOUGH SPEECHES DENOUNCING
AMIN AND PRAISING KENYATTA AND GOK WERE DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT
KENYATTA, VICE-PRESIDENT MOI, CABINET MINISTERS,
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DEMONSTRATION) AND MP'S. LARGE CROWD, APPROXIMATING
TURNOUT FOR NATIONAL HOLIDAY COMMEMORATIONS, HEARD
SPEAKERS REPEATEDLY URGE UNITY AND STEADFAST RESISSTANCE
IN FACE OF AMIN'S "THREATS." KENYATTA HAD
CROWD TAKE OATH TO DEFEND KENYA "TO LAST DROP OF
BLOOD." OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR SEVERAL
PROVINCIAL TOWNS IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. KENYAN PRESS CONTINUING MAJOR FRONT PAGE AND EDITORIAL
COVERAGE DENOUNCING TERRITORIAL CLAIM AND APPLAUDING FIRM
REJECTION BY GOK (REPORTED REFTELS).

3. COMMENT: UNSCHEDULED PRESENCE OF MOST LEADING
KENYAN POLITICAL PERSONALITIES AT TODAY'S DEMONSTRATION,
THE FIRST OF ITS KIND SINCE GOK EFFORT TO RALLY
SUPPORT AFTER 1971 COUP PLOTTING, UNDERSCORES SERIOUSNESS BY

WHICH
KZHYATTA VIEWS AMIN'S CLAIM TO KENYAN
TERRITORY. ON DOMESTIC FRONT, EMOTIVE NATURE OF THIS
ISSUE CONTRIBUTED TO WARMEST RECEPTION A CROWD HAS GIVEN
KENYATTA SINCE MURDER OF ANTI-GOK PARLIAMENTARY CRITIC
J. M. KARIUKI NEARLY ONE YEAR AGO.

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